

# Laudatio in Celebration of Professor Zrinka Tarle on her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday

The editors of the Stomatology Edu Journal, together with its readers would like to warmly congratulate to Professor Zrinka Tarle on her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. Her field of special expertise focuses on the properties and improvements of materials and procedures in restorative dental medicine. In spite of her comparatively young age she has already achieved quite valuable scientific experimental and clinical results in her academic career so far.

Furthermore, she has developed a very fruitful collaboration with quite a number of renowned scientists internationally (München, Zürich, Regensburg, Siena, Los Angeles), and became a name known worldwide .

Professor Tarle was born on 28th August 1969 in Osijek, Croatia, and attended primary school and grammar school in Zagreb, as well as music and ballet primary schools. She graduated from the School of Dental Medicine, University of Zagreb, Croatia (1992). During her studies she was twice declared as one of the best students of the University, and also obtained 3 Rector's Awards.

She was awarded her PhD degree from the School of Dental Medicine, University of Zagreb as one of the youngest in the University history (1995). She specialised in restorative dentistry and endodontics at the Dental Clinic, University Hospital Centre Zagreb.

Troughout her academic career she has been employed by the Dental Clinic, University Hospital Centre Zagreb, and by the Department of Restorative Dentistry and Endodontics, School of Dental Medicine in Zagreb. She became assistant professor (1997), associate professor (2002), full professor (2006), and full tenured professor (2011). She was Vice-Dean for Science and Research, and has been Head of Restorative Dental Medicine Division at the Department of Restorative Dentistry and Endodontics, Head of Postgraduate Doctoral Study of Dental Medicine, and Dean of the School of Dental Medicine University of Zagreb.

Professor Tarle authored 237 publications either as senior author or co-author (1004 citations by WoS). She has been also co-author of 4 important textbooks, and editor of one recently published (Restorative Dental Medicine, Zagreb, 2019).

She has mentored 37 theses (graduate, MSc, PhD), and was principal or assistant investigator of 9 research projects internationally or in Croatia, and was also reviewer of many other projects. She has been a member of various editorial boards and reviewer of important national and international journals. She lectured at numerous national and international meetings and organized different courses, symposia and congresses. Among other important international conferences, she organized PER IADR Conference in Dubrovnik (2014).

She is a member of many international and national scientific associations, boards and committees: e.g. member of IADR Nominating Committee and IADR Tellers Committee, PER IADR Secretary and Treasurer, CED IADR Board member and President, CED IADR Regional Development Programme President, and AODES member. Her greatest achievement has been her election as an associate member of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts.



She has obtained many national and international awards and recognitions. The most important is the Croatian National Award for Science (2012). She had been educated in a family of intellectuals from whom she acquired her valuable background for her future academic life, namely from her mother Mirjana Šutalo, a grammar school teacher of Croatian language and literature, and her father Jozo Šutalo, retired eminent professor at the School of Dental Medicine in Zagreb.

Professor Tarle is married and the mother of two sons. She has enjoyed continuous and warm support for her achievements from her husband Davor Tarle, DMD, and sons Andro and Frano, students of medicine and dentistry respectively.

Furthermore, she has quite a wide range of interests, and is fluent in English and German, good in Italian.

We are very pleased wishing professor Tarle and her family a lot of pleasure and successful life!

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